

**First Unitarian of NJ**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**January 10th, 2021**  
**Sunday, 5 pm**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Chris Baglieri- President  
Mike Sutterlin- Vice President  
Sarah Muller-Robbins- Secretary  
Kim Mitchell- Trustee  
Guenevere Zucker- Trustee  
Denise Soppas- Trustee  
Cass Cochrane- Trustee

**Minister Present:** Rev Ann Marie Alderman

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Chalice Lighting:** Sarah

**Reading of Board Covenant:** All

**Meeting Agenda:** Approved by all

**Consent Agenda**

Minister's Report  
President's Report  
Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve by Mike, seconded by Guen, approved by all

**Old Business - Review Action Items**

Action items from December 13th, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. New and old items remaining to be completed are listed in Action Items at end of minutes

## **Budget and Finance**

- Cass gave report
- Upcoming Share the Plate applications: Mike
  - Charlie is working with Mike on an electronic format for application
  - Hyacinth AIDS Foundation- February
  - Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson Fund for Racial Justice- how funds will be used is not clear; would need more information
  - Denise suggested Social Justice Matters
- **Potential By-Law Updates:** Mike reported on the potential changes to the by-laws for a virtual annual meeting. An absentee ballot cannot count toward the quorum, but can count as a vote. A congregational meeting must occur to approve the by-laws. A business meeting will be held next month in anticipation of voting for the 8th Principle as well as the Annual Meeting. Mike will distribute the draft of by-laws for review.

## **8th Principle Report**

Denise reported on 8th Principle committee. Initial plan was to write a resolution to be voted by congregation in March, but it may not be ready by then. Will need to create space for people to give feedback, including BIPOC.

## **Action Items Assigned:**

- Mike to work with Charlie with Share the Plate application form
- Mike to send link to electronic form to Ann Marie
- Denise to submit application for Social Justice Matters
- Mike to distribute draft of bylaws with proposed changes to Board members
- Board members to review 8th Principle document and give feedback
- Denise will make changes to wording identified during Board meeting
- Ann Marie to send announcement of special meeting by bylaws amendment to congregation members
- Ann Marie to add dates for meetings to web calendar

## **New Business**

- Calendar Items
  - Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 14th.
  - Chalice Lighting at next Board Meeting: Cass

- Board Minute Speakers
  - 1/17: Sarah
  - 1/24: Kim
  - 1/31: Chris
  - 2/7: Denise
  - 2/14: Mike
  - 2/21: Guen
  - 2/28: Cass
- 2/21: Congregational meeting
- 5/16: Cass to present budget
- 5/23: Proposed date for Annual meeting

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:10 pm

**Prepared by:** Sarah Muller-Robbins